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3. The passing of Stalin will remove an autocrat who, while ruthless and determined to spread Soviet power, did not allow his ambitions to lead him into reckless courses of action in his foreign policy. It would be unsafe to assume that his successor, or successors, will have Stalin's skill in avoiding a direct collision with the West.

4. In the near future, the new Soviet leadership will almost certainly attempt to follow the foreign and domestic policies established during recent years. It is probable that in the execution of these policies, the successors to Stalin will have less freedom of action in the event of crisis.

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